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RE:

Application Serial No.

10/022,874

Applicant(s): Filing Date:

Chika NAKANISHI et al December 20, 2001

For:

DIHYDROPYRIDINE DERIVATIVES

Attn:

Application Division

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT MARKED-UP COPY

Our check in the amount of \$__ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 45, lines 19-22 with the following:

The title compound was obtained from 300 mg (0.97 mmol) of (3,3-diphenylpropane-

1-yl) 3-oxopentanoate, 150 mg (0.97 mmol) of 2-cyanoethyl 3-aminocrotonate and 109 μl

(0.97 mmol) of 3-chlorobenzaldehyde in the same manner as that of Example 1-1).

Please replace the paragraph at page 46, lines 12-13 with the following:

